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# Marquis Test

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## 1. Purpose and Scope

Color tests are used in forensic drug analysis as a preliminary test method to indicate the presence or absence of certain drugs in a sample.

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## 2. Definitions

<b>GC/MS</b>	Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer
<b>MDA</b>	methylenedioxyamphetamine
<b>MDMA</b>	methylenedioxymethamphetamine

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## 3. Safety Instructions

Chemical Hazard

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## 4. Instructions

### 1. Marquis Reagent preparation

To prepare Marquis Reagent, mix one volume formaldehyde to every nine volumes of concentrated sulfuric acid.

### 2. Test Procedure

Place 2 or 3 drops Marquis reagent into a spot plate well.

Add sample to the same spot plate well.

Observe for any color change.

-Purple indicates heroin/opiates

-Orange indicates Amphetamines/Methamphetamines

-Black indicates MDMA/MDA

Prepare sample for GC/MS confirmation. Refer to **WI-FC-05**.

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## 5. Notes

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### 6. FC-Instruments/Equipment/Materials

Pipet

Spot plate

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### 7. FC-Chemicals/Reagents

Marquis Reagent

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### 8. Records

Drug Chemistry Checklist

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### 9. Policy References

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### 10. Procedure References

No procedures are referenced by this instruction.

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### 11. Instruction References

GC/MS Sample Preparation

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### 12. Other Reference Documents

There are no other reference documents for this instruction.

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